



Oil Pad Complex
Southern Area Type 2 Incident
Management Team
Thursday, June 23, 2011 8:00 PM
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**Fire
Information:**

**Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to
8:00 p.m.**

<http://www.nps.gov/bicy/naturescience/oil-pad-fire-complex.htm>
www.inciweb.org

Current Status	The Oil Pad Complex is comprised of several fires caused by lightning in the Big Cypress National Preserve located in Southwest Florida. The fires have burned a total of 10,524 acres of various Preserve habitats which include Pinelands, Sawgrass Prairie, Hardwood Hammocks, Cypress Domes and Strands. Overall, containment of the fires is 95 percent. Today, no perimeter growth occurred. Pockets of heavier interior fuels continued to burn. Firefighters patrolled, monitored and mopped up hot spots using low impact fire suppression tactics to protect sensitive animals, such as the endangered Florida Panther and threatened Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers.		
Planned Events	A transfer of command from the Southern Area Type 2 Incident Management Team Dueitt to a Type 3 organization will occur Friday. Excess personnel and equipment will continue to be released or reassigned to other fires burning throughout the South. Crews will monitor and engage fires as necessary. Effective Saturday June 25 th Fire Information can be obtained through the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center: 239-695-4758.		
Fire	Estimated acreage	Percent Containment	Start Date
Oil Pad	3,149	95	June 13
North	5,878	95	June 13
Bundschu South	1,408	95	June 13
Kissimmee Billie	22	95	June 13
Corral	61	95	June 16
Green	5	95	June 17
Little	1	100	June 19
Number of Personnel	50		
Equipment	One medium and one small helicopter, and eight fire engines.		
Cooperators	Florida Division of Forestry, Seminole Tribe of Florida. and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.		
Restrictions and Closures	A temporary flight restriction is in place for an 11 mile radius at 3,000 feet. The center of the flight restriction is located at 26° 06' 55" N and 81° 13' 38" W, near the intersection of highway I-75 and Turner River Road. ⁶ Access to Concho Billie, Windmill Tram, and Burns Lake is closed to all backcountry activity. Due to the Oil Pad Fire Complex an emergency closure is in effect for the Bear Island Unit. This closure consists of the following trails and access points: Bear Island Access from Turner River Road, and Walk in access points, which includes -- Bear Island Grade from Hwy 29 and mile marker 70 along I-75. This closure encompasses all of the trails and the Bear Island Campground. All backcountry activity, including hiking and biking is restricted. A 60-day recreational ORV closure throughout the preserve remains in effect.		
Fire Weather	Partly cloudy early with increased cloudiness later in the day with a 45% -50% chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Temperatures will reach 95-100 degrees with 45%-50% humidity. Light easterly winds through mid morning becoming southeast 8 to 10 mph. The east and west coast sea breezes will develop. Gusty and erratic winds will be associated with the thunderstorms.		